

COMMISSION TO ASSIST SERVIA.

Dr. Jackson of Spartanburg One of Body Which Will Fight Typhus in That Country.

Washington, March 18.—An American sanitary commission has been organized under auspices of the American Red Cross and the Rockefeller foundation which soon will be at work in Serbia fighting to suppress typhus fever which already has claimed 60,000 victims.

The Red Cross announced today \$50,000 had been furnished for carrying on this work. The Serbian government has expressed approval of the aid offered and Dr. Richard P. Strong of Boston, one of the foremost plague experts in the United States, now is on his way to the disease stricken country.

Other members of the commission are Dr. Thomas W. Jackson of Spartanburg, S. C.; Dr. Hans Zinner, New York; Dr. Andrew W. Sellards, Boston; Dr. George C. Shattuck, Boston; Dr. Francis B. Grinnell, Boston; Charles S. Eby, Washington, secretary. It also will include two sanitary inspectors to be selected by Surgeon General Gorgas.

Large additional funds, it is expected, will be required, as cholera is threatened in Serbia and unless checked early may spread to all parts of Europe.

Great quantities of supplies will be sent for the commission's work.

APPEAL IN ANTI-TRUST SUIT.

United States Attorney Prepares to Take Further Steps in Shoe Machinery Case.

Boston, March 18.—Immediately following the decision of the federal district court today that the government's suit to dissolve the United Shoe Machinery company as an unlawful monopoly under the Sherman act was not sustained, United States District Attorney Anderson started preparations for an appeal, if the department of justice decides to take such a step. Mr. Anderson has been requested by Attorney General Gregory to make a report to the department at Washington, with a view to a possible appeal. No proceeding will be attempted on a criminal suit pending against the company here on a similar charge until final disposition is made of the civil suit.

Today's decision sustains the legality of the original company from which the United Shoe Machinery company was organized in 1899 and of the acquisition of the business of more than 55 companies and individuals, together with the validity of the company's leases and its patent monopoly.

CHARGE AGAINST Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY.

Young Man Came to South Carolina to Organize Industrial Department at Rion.

Winnboro, March 18.—W. C. Napier, secretary and treasurer of the Y. M. C. A., at Rion, a community eight miles south of Winnboro, was arrested here today on a warrant sworn out before Magistrate Tom Lewis, charging Napier with assaulting an Italian girl between 5 and 6 years of age.

The crime was alleged to have been perpetrated yesterday, the information being revealed to the officers today about 4 o'clock. An automobile was secured and Napier was arrested on the outskirts of the town.

The Rion settlement was very much excited over the affair.

AMATEURS PRESENT PLAY.

"The Coming of Ruth" Shown at Bishopville by Local Talent.

Bishopville, March 18.—By far the best amateur performance ever heard in Bishopville was the cantata, "The Coming of Ruth." This cantata was given by the McDowell Music club, assisted by a chorus of 30 voices.

Too much can not be said in praise of those singing the principal parts, particularly the characterization of Naomi and Ruth by Mrs. M. B. McCutchen and Mrs. T. E. McCutchen when, at one time, the two alone held the audience spellbound through out a whole scene.

The splendid work of the chorus also deserves special mention showing, as it did, thorough drill and artistic finish. In fact, the amazing amount of memory work as well as the detail of oriental setting and costuming was a surprise and delight to every one.

After hearing this beautiful cantata the audience fully realized that a herculean task had been accomplished by Mrs. L. H. Jennings, president of the Music club, assisted by Miss Alberta Woodward, accompanist.

The cast was as follows: W. J. Brimm, Jr., T. E. Stephenson, W. M. Reid, Alex. Kelley, Emerich Veith Mrs. M. B. McCutchen, Mrs. T. E. McCutchen, Mrs. B. F. Kelley, Miss Jessie Marshall, Mrs. J. E. McCutcher Jr., Miss Jimmie Smith, R. E. McDrow and E. N. Austin.

THE HOME DEMONSTRATION WORKERS.

Report of Annual Meeting at Winthrop College.

Rock Hill, March 18.—The annual meeting of Winthrop College and U. S. Department Home Demonstration Workers of South Carolina are indeed events fraught with exceeding great interest, and the meeting just closed has been intensely interesting.

The daily programs have been already published, therefore a repetition is unnecessary. Suffice it to say, however, that the speakers were all prompt, evincing animated enthusiasm, which was encouraging, indeed, to every factor of the organization.

Dr. D. B. Johnson gave the workers and visitors a welcome characteristic of his invariable genial royal style. Hon. O. B. Martin made it perfectly apparent to every one present "How the Home Demonstration Work of South Carolina can be made more efficient." Mr. Martin's forceful style of expounding this subject gave the agents a clear understanding of how and in what manner they may accomplish a great deal for our work in South Carolina.

All of our agents and workers were impressed with the absolute necessity of unadulterated loyalty in all phases of demonstration work, which fact was very clearly elucidated by Mr. W. W. Long, State director of this work from Clemson College.

The requisitions constituting the efficiency of our Extension Workers was clearly defined by Prof. C. R. Weeks of Winthrop College in a lucid and trite manner, which was far reaching.

The agents received most appreciative instruction from Miss Powell and Mr. Flohr, each of Washington on the subject of Fancy Market Packages and How to Market them by Parcel Post.

The Chemistry of Canning, a subject of specific import to all of us, was made most interesting by Dr. A. C. Summers.

Prof. C. C. Cleveland of Winthrop College rendered a splendid fund of information on Poultry. He told of the "Duty of the County Agent in the Development of Poultry Work," and his instruction on Types, Breeds, and Varieties of Chickens were very interesting.

All of the visitors and demonstration agents enjoyed a visit to the College Poultry Farm.

Dr. Straughn, of Washington, furnished very specific instructions on the scientific manner of producing standard Jellies, Preserves and Jams. Misses Powell and Crosswell clearly defined standard Packs and Containers, teaching the agents the proper methods of packing beans and peaches in glass.

Misses Huffington and Brooke of the Winthrop College faculty entertained the convention in a most attractive manner by their instructions in laundry work, a demonstration in butter making and a lesson in home nursing.

Mr. Lueco Gunter, State Supervisor of Rural Schools and Mr. J. E. Swearingen entertained their audiences in a most charming manner along educational lines, evincing the close relation existing between the schools of South Carolina and the Home Demonstration Work. Miss Caroline Hunt, of Washington, discoursed most interestingly on the use of Honey in Cooking and Planning a Well Balanced Bill of Fare.

Our Chosen State and County Vegetables was a subject of much interest and was charmingly discussed by Prof. Nevin, Mr. Martin and Miss Crosswell. Beans has been chosen as the State vegetable of South Carolina.

Miss Huffington gave an ideal Demonstration in Bread Making in the Domestic Science Department of Winthrop College which attracted the attention and admiration of all spectators.

Miss McGowan of Winthrop College gave Practical Suggestions for making the Home Sanitary in a most attractive and fascinating style, from which every one derived much instruction.

The pimento industry is one of growing interest in South Carolina and this State is precedent in the growth and manufacture of its products. The subject was discussed by Miss Powell, Miss Crosswell and Mrs. Walker, giving the cultivation and of canning by Miss Crosswell and a demonstration in making Dixie Relish from this product by Miss Powell.

The County Agents exhibited wonderful tact and experience in their Bread and Canning Demonstration, which challenged admiration. Every agent carried out her part of the program literally and results were indeed gratifying.

Mrs. Allen, of Spartanburg, entertained the convention in an admirable manner by showing in conclusive terms how the Federation of Women's Clubs can aid in Home Demonstration Work.

Truly this Spring Meeting was the

most successful since the inauguration of the work. All of its sessions were a feast of reason and flow of soul.

IMPROVE FAIR GROUNDS.

State Agricultural and Mechanical Society Improves Its Property at Columbia.

Columbia, March 19.—Committee-men of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical society are beautifying the State fair site by bordering the grounds with shade trees and shrubbery. The main entrance has been flanked on either side by lines of water oak, elm and sycamore, verging to the two main buildings. A large circle of trees has also been set in the centre.

Along Bluff road, where the grounds are protected by a board fence, hedge has been put out. Repairs to this fence has entailed much expense, and the plans of the committee are to remove this as soon as the growth affords ample protection.

Continuing the policy of improving the appearance of the grounds boxwood is to be set about the ground in formal patterns.

CAUTIONS BOARD OF NEPOTISM.

Governor Acts on Eastover Dispensary Complaints—Says He Will Not Re-appoint Dispenser.

Columbia, March 18.—Taking notice of criticisms of acts of the Richland county dispensary board, Gov. Manning summoned the members to his office yesterday for a conference. James S. Verner and J. W. H. Duncan responded. S. T. Westberry was out of the city. Gov. Manning made it plain that he expects the board to recommend for positions under the dispensary system men that are fit and capable.

"I will not commission W. H. Thompson as dispenser at Eastover; I have read the testimony in the case," said the governor to the members of the board. Thompson was given a hearing before the board several days ago. He was charged with pernicious activity in politics and with receiving the salary of a porter in addition to his salary as dispenser. The board, after hearing the testimony in the case, referred the matter to the State dispensary auditor. Yesterday the board informed the governor that the appeal to the State auditor had been withdrawn.

Gov. Manning questioned the members of the board relative to the charges that kinsmen of members had been recommended for appointment as dispensers in the county. It was developed that B. M. Harrison, one of the dispensers, is a relative of Mr. Duncan. The board said that if the governor objected they would not insist upon the appointment. During the past several days the governor has received several letters, charging nepotism on the part of the board. It was charged in one letter that six relatives of members had been appointed as dispensers. The governor advised the board to investigate carefully every applicant for a position.

KERSHAW SHERIFF ANSWERS.

He With Grip—Says He Has Tried to Discharge His Duty.

Columbia, March 19.—W. W. Huckabee, sheriff of Kershaw county, who has been ordered to show cause why he should not be removed from office, has addressed a letter to Gov. Manning, saying that he has tried to enforce all of the laws.

The following is the letter from Sheriff Huckabee:

"I am in receipt of yours of today in regard to my refusal of discharging my duties as an officer. And also referring to chapter 29, criminal code of laws of South Carolina, 1912, volume 2, and §18, criminal code, 1912, and beg to say in reply, I have tried to discharge my duty along all lines of business pertaining to my office. Am very ill in bed with a case of laryngitis, but if am able to come will be there at date and time required and show cause."

ENTERS GUILTY PLEA.

T. E. Addy Admits Charge of Forgery at Newberry.

Newberry, March 18.—T. E. Addy, the insurance agent, got up in court yesterday evening, after the testimony on both sides was in and the argument was about to begin, and pleaded guilty of forgery. The court sentenced him to hard labor for three years.

Utah Governor Vetoes Dry Bill.

Salt Lake City, March 18.—Gov. Spry vetoed the Statewide prohibition bill today.

Graduating Class Give Play.

The play "Masonic Ring," given by the graduating class of the graded school last Friday night was very creditable to the players and their trainers alike. The entertainment afforded an evening of pleasure to the spectators and profit to the girls' club—Bishopville Ladies and Vindicator.

MORE WAREHOUSES LEASED.

Five Private Plants in Sumter County Taken Over—McLaurin Goes North.

Columbia, March 19.—John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, will go to New York today in the interests of the cotton warehouse system. He will be accompanied by J. A. Banks, State senator from Calhoun county.

Mr. McLaurin said yesterday that more applications for entrance into the system are being filed than at any other time since operation by the State was undertaken. Additions yesterday were storage rooms, operated in Sumter by Lang D. Jennings, Thomas Wilson, H. D. Barnett and F. D. Holman, these being large business connections. The warehouses were taken over by J. G. L. planters and men with extensive White, reputable State warehouse commissioner. Another warehouse taken over was that operated at Mayesville by E. W. Dabbs; president of the State Farmers' Union.

The Sumter contracts were the sequence of speeches delivered in Sumter and Bishopville within the last ten days by Mr. McLaurin.

OPTIMISM IN THE HOME.

What One of the Demonstration Workers Says on Subject.

Rock Hill, March 18.—A more optimistic spirit among country people than has been seen since the European war began.

A great willingness on the part of rural women's clubs to undertake work for school and community betterment.

A realization on the part of all that some system of "Water in the Home" is a necessity. As President Cook of the Hattiesburg, Miss., State Normal aptly put it, "The getting of water from the source of supply to the point of application is the greatest single burden that the rural or mill housewife has to bear."

An increased interest on the part of women everywhere in what constitutes a "balanced ration." And there is need of enlightenment, for a housekeeper in the Riverside-Toxaway community at Anderson, when asked what she had had for breakfast replied, "Fat back and biscuits." "And how did you cook your fat back?" was the next query. "I fried it," was the reply. "What did you have for dinner?" the visiting teacher asked. "Fat back and cabbage and biscuits," was the prompt response. "How did you cook your fat back?" interrogated the visitor. "I boiled it."

"And what are you going to have for supper?" asked the teacher.

"Well, I ain't thought much about it. But I'll low as how I will have fried fat back and biscuit."

Oh, balanced ration, what crimes are committed against thee!

KILLED IN GERMAN ARMY.

Ernest Cohen, Kinsman of Sumter Lady, Falls in Battle in France.

Florence Times.

It will be interesting to learn that Florence people have relatives on the firing line in the great struggle that is now going on between the European nations and that some of these, though killed in battle have distinguished themselves for great bravery.

Mr. A. A. Cohen, our fellow townsman and one of the first settlers of this city has just received a letter from one of his cousins in Germany telling him of the death of his son, Ernest Cohen, who was killed in battle during the terrible fighting in France sometime in January.

The young man was a non-commissioned officer of the German army and was a Knight of the Iron Cross.

Mr. A. A. Cohen, here mentioned, is father of Mrs. Harry Green of this city, making young Ernest Cohen, who was killed, her cousin.

Rocky Bluff Notes.

Rocky Bluff, March 18.—Corn planting is the order of the day. Very little fertilizer has been hauled yet. Most of the farmers are planting some truck.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Winkles Tuesday and left a baby boy.

Mrs. J. J. Hatfield spent last Saturday in Sumter with Mrs. B. Cato. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wells spent a part of last week with relatives in Orangeburg.

Mrs. Brown of Oswego spent Sunday with Mrs. L. L. White.

Mr. J. J. Hatfield and family and Mrs. Mary Cato spent Sunday at Mr. W. F. Baker's.

Mr. Brown of Oswego and Mr. L. L. White spent Sunday in Mayesville. Mr. Lem Baker and sister, Mrs. Lula, of Rembert, spent Monday night with their brother, Mr. W. F. Baker.

Miss Lemon was here yesterday and with Mrs. A. Andrews she visited several of the tomato club girls.

DANIEL MAKES FINE ADDRESS.

HUNDRED FIFTY MEMBERS PRESENT ENJOY Y. M. C. A. BANQUET.

Occasion Was One of Most Delightful in History of Association and Much Interest Was Aroused in Coming Membership Campaign—"Jolly Jynns" Served Supper in Excellent Style—Gov. Manning Unable to Come.

From The Daily Item, March 19.

A fine address was made by Prof. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College, and much interest was aroused in the coming membership campaign at the annual meeting of the senior members of the Young Men's Christian Association and banquet in the gymnasium of the association last night. There were one hundred fifty senior members of the association present to hear the speaker and to share in the good "eats" which were so charmingly served by the "Jolly Jynns." Altogether the affair was one of the pleasantest and most successful of the kind which has ever been held by the association.

The members of the senior classes commenced coming in about 7 o'clock and they continued coming in until the whole lower floor was crowded with them. A meeting of the various companies for the disposal of the membership cards for securing renewals from old members and memberships from those who had never before been connected with the association was held in the directors' room and much interest was shown by the various teams, each of whom are already showing a friendly rivalry in the work which will be actively launched next week.

While they were waiting, the tempting odors from the gymnasium and other rooms where the McKagen stew was being prepared sharpened the appetites, and the seats at the tables were soon filled when a little before 9 o'clock it was announced that the supper was ready. Supt. S. H. Edmunds, chairman of the board of directors of the association presided, and he called on the Rev. Dr. J. H. Wilson of St. James' Lutheran church to invoke the blessing.

After a busy period of some twenty or thirty minutes all of the McKagen chicken stew had disappeared, attesting to the appreciation of the banquets for the excellence of the viands. Adding to the beauty and grace of the occasion was the presence of the thirty-five charming members of the "Jolly Jynn" association, who served the diners with the utmost grace and style. The tables at which the men were seated were cleared off and the young ladies themselves were given an opportunity to partake of the banquet supper, while the chairman of the financial committee made a statement of the financial condition of the association and showed its need for more members.

Mr. Edmunds then introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College. Gov. R. I. Manning, who also was to have made an address, it was stated had expected to come until about 2 o'clock on Thursday, when unexpected business detained him at Columbia, preventing him from being present.

Prof. Daniel expressed his thanks for the invitation to come to Sumter, saying that there were two cities where he was always especially pleased to go, Sumter and Charleston, to which he had received invitations at almost the same time. He had the night before made a talk to two hundred Irishmen in Charleston, he had dined in Florence, he had supped in Darlington and now he was banqueting in Sumter. Dr. Daniel's voice showed that he had put it to much use recently, but he was able with his usual excellent style to entertain and delight his audience for over an hour.

"I'm going to have a subject which will be interesting to all of you," he stated, "especially to the young ladies present, for I am going to speak to you on fortune-telling." He then began a series of his jokes which left his audience in a highly pleased and anticipative mood, if that term may be used, when he went on to the more serious part of his talk. He told how by chemical analysis the ordinary human body was worth five dollars and fifty cents, showing how by training such as that given in the Young Men's Christian Association it was made to be worth more, not intrinsically, but relatively, by what the man did for humanity. He said that the lawmakers make appropriations of millions of dollars for the protection of the stock industry and animals, but appropriated only thousand of dollars for the protection of human life. This he declared was not right. He stated that a railroad had been made to pay \$25,000 for killing a trained monkey, but that \$10,000 was all that it had been made to pay for the life of a baby. He condemned the practice of courts at valuing human life at too low a figure, when the courts were for the protection of human life. The making of human life more valuable and placing it in

higher esteem with the making the most of each life, seemed to be the main theme of his discourse. He was listened to with the most profound attention by his audience, which gave him much applause, as he concluded his address.

Messrs. Claude E. Hurst and Julius J. Westcott made short talks, encouraging the workers who are about to embark in the membership campaign.

The supper which was much enjoyed by all, both because of its preparation and the excellent manner of its service, was in charge of Mrs. Leiby, Mrs. L. I. Parrott, and Mrs. H. L. Birchard, the chaperones of the "Jolly Jynns."

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Yours very truly,

H. W. SPINKS,

Camp Hill, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 16th day of August, 1909, H. W. Spinks, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

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